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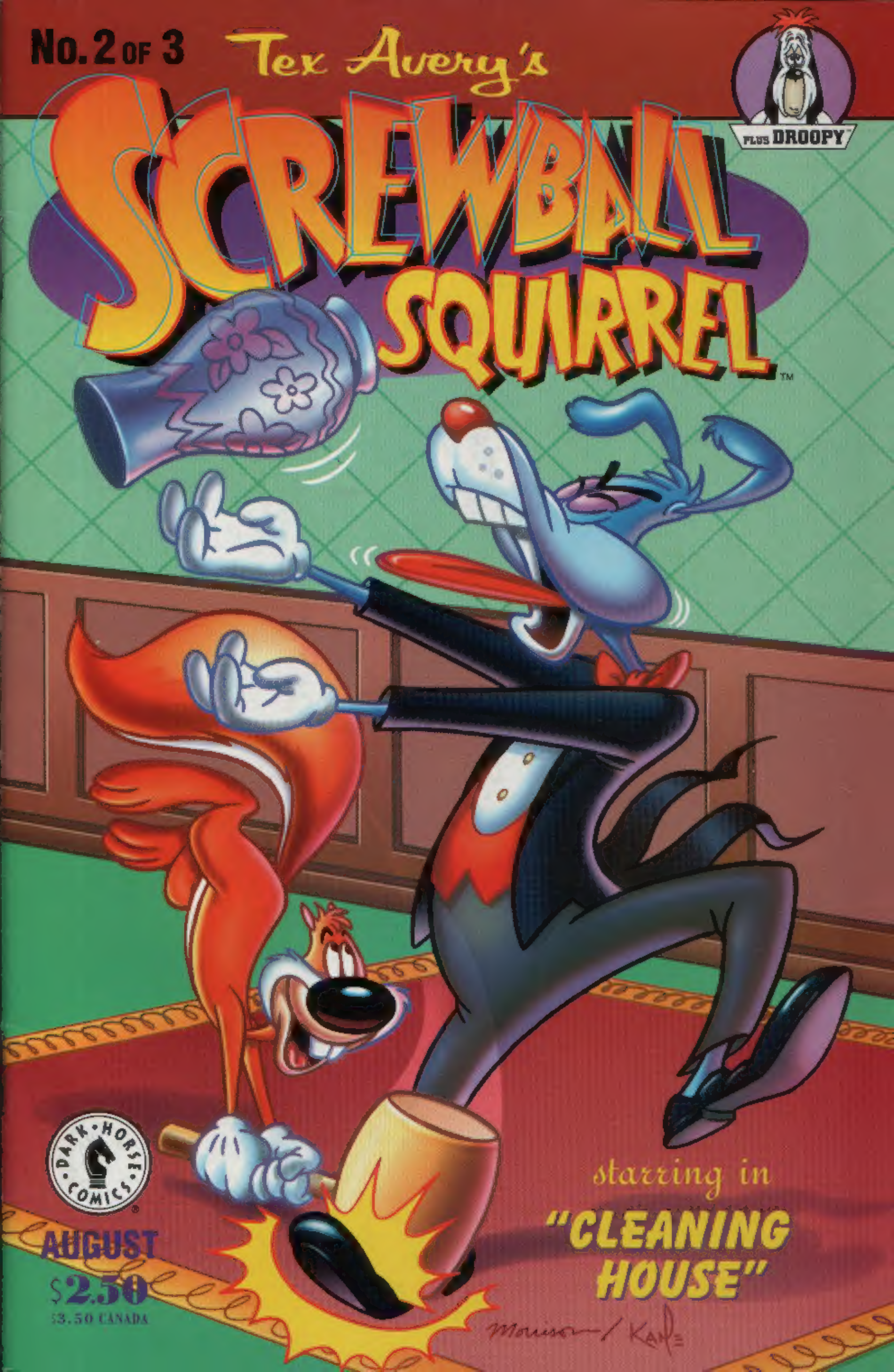

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SCREWBALL SQUIRREL™ IN CLEANING HOUSE

STORY & LETTERS BY BOB FINGERMAN

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SO, YOU'RE THE NEW *MAN* THE AGENCY SENT OVER. WELL, YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT MUCH TO *LOOK* AT, BUT PERHAPS THERE'S *MORE* TO YOU THAN MEETS THE *EYE*, WOT?

DUH, DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT A *THING*, MR. CAVENDISH, SIR. AS *ASSISTANT BUTLER* TO THE *FLIMSHAW ESTATE*, I WILL DO MY VERY *BEST* WORK, *EVER*.

WELL, SEE THAT YOU *DO*. *LADY FLIMSHAW* IS *VERY* PARTICULAR ABOUT HER RENOWNED COLLECTION OF *OBJETS D'ART*. IT IS THE VERY *RAISON D' ETRE* FOR HER WHOLE EXISTENCE. SEE TO IT THAT YOU *MIND* THE COLLECTION WHILE I'M IN TOWN DOING THE GROCERY SHOPPING.

DUH, THEY'RE IN GOOD HANDS, MR. CAVENDISH.

I'LL BE BACK IN A COUPLE OF *HOURS*. THE HOUSE-CLEANING SERVICE WILL BE ARRIVING SOON. SEE TO IT THAT THEY ARE *OUT* OF HERE *BEFORE* MY RETURN.

LADY FLIMSHAW WILL BE BACK FROM PARIS *TONIGHT* WITH NEW ACQUISITIONS, SO THE HOME MUST BE *IMMACULATE!*

Y-YES, MR. CAVENDISH!

DUH, THIS IS A *CUSHY* JOB, ALL RIGHT. I GET TO DUST *OBJECTIONABLE DARTS* AND LOOK AT PRETTY PICTURES *ALL* DAY *LONG*. GEE, WHAT A *BREAK!*

♪SHE'LL BE COMIN' ROUN' TH' MOUNTAIN, WHEN SHE COMES, WHEN SHE COMES, SHE'LL BE COMIN' ROUN' TH' MOUNTAIN WHEN SHE COMES! SHE'LL BE COMIN' ROUN' TH' MOUNTAIN, SHE'LL BE COMIN' ROUN' TH' MOUNTAIN, SHE'LL BE COMIN' ROUN' THE MOUNTAIN WHEN SHE COMES!♪

GEE, I NEVER REALIZED HOW *REPETITIVE* THAT SONG WAS BEFORE. *SNIFF!* I GOTTA LEARN A *NEW* ONE ONE A' THESE DAYS! *HA-HA-HA!* AH, DIZ MUZ BE DE PLAZE!

DING-DIDDLE-DEE-DING-DONG!

DUH, THAT MUST BE THE *CLEANING SERVICE!* RIGHT ON TIME, THEY ARE!

DUH, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. *YOU!* EEEEEEEEEE!

:SNIFF: HELLO, MEATHEAD! *HA-HA-HA!*

ONE SIDE, PAL. LET A *PROFESSIONAL* THROUGH. I GOT *WORK* TO DO!

DUH, YOU MUST *PROMISE* TO BE *VERY* CAREFUL WITH LADY FLIMSHAW'S *PRICELESS* ART! IT'LL BE MY *MINE* IF ANYTHING HAPPENS!

TUT-TUT-TUT, MY GOOD MAN. LET ME *ASSUAGE* ANY *MISGIVINGS* YOU MIGHT BE HARBORING. PUT THOSE *WORRIES* TO *BED*, CHAMP. I'M A *SPECIALIST*.

DUH, OKAY. B-BUT YOU'D *BETTER* KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

B-BE *CAREFUL*...

HEY, PAL, DO *I* TELL *YOU* HOW TO DO *YOUR* JOB? *GRUNT!* LET A MAN WORK *UNFETTERED* BY YOUR *LACK* OF CONFIDENCE, WHYDON'TCHA? :SNIFF: I'M A *SPECIALIST!*

UH-OH-- THE *DOOR FRAME!* IT'S *BUSTED!* DUH, THAT IS A *BAD* THING! *PLEASE* BE MORE *CAREFUL!*

ALL RIGHT, ALREADY! IF YOU WANT *ME* TO BE CAREFUL, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO HELP *ME* OUT, HERE!

DUH, OKAY! *ANYTHING* TO AVOID *MORE* DAMAGE!

HMMMM. THIS ROOM IS GONNA TAKE *EXTRA* EFFORT. I'M GONNA NEED *SPECIAL EQUIPMENT* FOR THIS.

JUST TELL *ME* WHAT TO DO.

OKAY. TO CLEAN THESE *DUSTY* DISHES, I'M GONNA USE THIS *STEAM MACHINE*. YOU HOLD THE PLATE UP LIKE *SO*.

LESSEE. THAT OLD DISH IS MIGHTY *DUSTY*. I'D BETTER USE A LITTLE EXTRA ELBOW GREASE.

STEAMY TEPID! SUPER STEAMY VAPORIZE

BWOOSH!

OKAY, MEATHEAD, *HERE* IT COMES!

PERFECT! THIS PLATE'S SO CLEAN I CAN SEE YOUR FACE IN IT. HA-HA-HA! :SNIFF:

GRRRRRRRRR.

UH-OH! I'D BETTER GET ON WITH THE OTHER ROOMS!

OH-NO! WOULDJA LOOK AT ALL THAT TARNISH! MY, MY, WHAT A SHAME! I'D BETTER GET ALL THAT JUNK SPIC AND SPAN, OR I'LL TARNISH MY REPUTATION.

DUH, I'LL GET YOU, YOU LITTLE -- UH-OH! I CAN'T STOP!

DON'T WORRY, CHUMZIE, I'LL HELP YA!

PWANG!

GOTCHA, SPORT! THE BREAKFRONT IS *SAFE!!!*

DUH, OW. *OH, NO!* THE *TRAY* IS *RUINED!* I'M IN *BIG* TROUBLE.

NOT AT ALL, GUY. LOOKEE HERE . . .

OBSERVE: SEE HOW *NICE* YOUR *PUSS* WORKS AS A *TRAY COVER?* *ATTRACTIVE* (ECCH), YET *FUNCTIONAL.*

DUH, BOY. I HAD YOU ALL *WRONG.* YOU DONE ME A *BIG FAVOR,* YOU DID. THANKS, *BUDDY.*

WONDERFUL! *SOOOO,* SEEIN' AS HOW WE'RE *AMIGOS* AND EVERYTHING, HOW ABOUT HELPING *ME* LOAD THE REST OF THIS STUFF INTO MY *CLEANING VAT?*

DUH, *ANYTHING* YOU SAY, PAL O' MINE!

DUH, THIS WILL CLEAN THE *TARNISH* OFF LADY FLIMSHAW'S *PRIZED PLATTERS!*

THIS BABY COULD CLEAN THE *ENIGMATIC* LITTLE *SMILE* RIGHT OFF THE *MONA LISA'S* PUSS! I'D STAKE MY *BIRTH-RIGHT* ON IT, OR MY NAME ISN'T *ALOYSIUS P. CORNFEATHER!* DON'T WORRY, I'M A *SPECIALIST!*

DUH, THESE ARE GONNA BE GOOD AS *NEW*, RIGHT?

OH, MAMA!

MOLTEN

HOT

WARM

LUKE-WARM

TEXCORP

THEY'LL BE *UNRECOGNIZABLE!* I'M A *SPECIALIST*. *TRUST* ME.

ALL DONE!

SIZZLEBLURG!

YIIIIEEE!

HOT

SEE? *GOOD AS NEW!* JUST LIKE THE DAY THE *FOUNDRY* CAST IT! I *TOLD* YOU THAT YOU *WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE* IT! I TOLD YOU I WAS A *SPECIALIST!*

GRRRRR!

GET A LOAD OF *HIM*-- *V2, THE VERMINATOR! HA-HA-HA!* :SNIFF: *THE SILVER SERVANT! HA-HA-HA! OH, BROTHER!*

SHAKEDA-SHAKEDA!

DUH, YOU'VE *MELTED DOWN ALL* OF LADY FLIMSHAW'S *FABULOUS ANTIQUE SILVERWARE!* YOU SAID YOU'D DO *GOOD!* YOU SAID YOU'D *STAKE* YOUR *BIRTHRIGHT* ON IT, OR YOUR NAME WASN'T *ALOYSIUS P. CORNFEATHER!*

WELL IT *WASN'T, ISN'T,* AND *NEVER WILL BE,* EINSTEIN!

DUH, MY NAME AIN'T *EINSTEIN!*

IT *ISN'T?!?* GOODNESS, I MUST BE IN THE *WRONG HOUSE! HA-HA-HA!* :SNIFF:

HONK HONK

YOU LITTLE *MONSTER!* DUH, I'LL *GET* YOU!

THINK FAST, THINK FAST!

AH! STOP THIS FOLDEROL! HOW CAN YOU *GIVE CHASE* BEFORE A THING OF SUCH *BEAUTY?* STOP AND EXAMINE IT, *BRUTE!*

DUH, YOU ARE RIGHT -SIGH- IT SURE S *PRETTY*

SAAAAY, I THINK THIS THING'S A *FAKE* AND A *FORGERY!* AIN'T THE *REAL* ONE IN *VENICE* OR SUMP'N?

DUH, NOPE, NOPE. THIS IS THE *REAL* ONE, ALL RIGHT MAKE *NO* MISTAKES.

I *DUNNO* I THINK LADY *FLIMSHAW'S* BEEN THE VICTIM OF A *FLIMFLAM.* Y'KNOW, I COULD CLEAR THIS UP FOR YOU, IF YOU WANTED. I *AM* A *SPECIALIST*

DUH, *OKAY.* I WOULD *HATE* FOR LADY FLIMSHAW TO HAVE [redacted]

Y'SEE, WITH THIS *SPECIAL FORMULA,* NOT ONLY WILL IT CLEAN OFF *CENTURIES'* WORTH OF *GRIME,* IT ALSO *TESTS* THE *PH* AND *WHAT HAVE YOU,* AUTHENTICATING THE WORK OF ART. IT'S ALL *VERY SCIENTIFIC.* ONLY A *SPECIALIST,* SUCH AS *MYSELF* IS *QUALIFIED* TO APPLY THIS *COMPOUND*

DUH, IS IT THE *REAL* THING?

YEP, IT'S THE *REAL* MASILLA, ALL RIGHTY! I *TOLD* YOU I WAS A *SPECIALIST*!

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WHAT'SAMATTER, PAL? YOU LOOK *UNHAPPY*

YOU YOU YOU .

THAT'S MY *NAME*, PAL. DON'T WEAR IT OUT

YOU YOU MUST *PERISH*!!!

HMMMM. PERHAPS I'VE GONE *TOO* FAR WITH ALL THIS *JESTING*?

NAAAAH!

AH, *ÉTONNANT*! ZEE MEAL FOR *MADAME FLEEMSHAW'S* RETORN WEEL BE *MAGNIFIQUE*! ZEES ONEY SAUCE EEZ *MON SPÉCIALITÉ*!

ONE SIDE, PAL! COMING THROUGH!

MON DIEU!

BLOOP!

WHOOSH!

YECCH, I'M ALL STICKY GOTTA FIND A PLACE TO COOL MY HEELS AND THINK AH-HA! THOSE HEDGES'LL DO IN A PINCH!

WELL GET A LOAD A ME! SNIFF NATURE-BOY, IN THE FLESH!

OUH MEEE IS "HE" PESKY INTERLOPER? I'LL FIX HIM!

MON DIEU, MON DIEU, MON DIEU! OO-LA LA, Z'EEZ UN DÉSASTRE!

DUH, WHERE IS THAT LITTLE CREEP? I'LL CLEAVE HIM TWAIN, I WILL I WILL!

THERE'LL BE *NONE* OF *THAT* IN *MY GARDEN!* :SNIFF:

DUH, WHO ARE *YOU?*

I AM THE *GARDEN IMP!* I DON'T *COTTON* TO NO *VIOLENCE* ON MY *TURF*...

UNLESS *I'M* THE ONE *PERPETRATING* IT! *HA-HA-HA! HAVE AT YOU!*

DUH, *S-SORRY M-MISTER IMP, SIR!* I DIDN'T MEAN ANY *DISRESPECT* FOR YOUR *PEACEABLE* DOMAIN!

IT'S SO *GOOD* TO BE *BACK*, CAVENDISH. I SIMPLY CAN'T WAIT TO *LUXURIATE* IN A *HOT BATH*

IT'S *WONDERFUL* TO *HAVE* YOU BACK, MUM.

WHAT IN BLAZES?

THE *CHEF*, I BELIEVE, MUM. I'LL GET TO THE *BOTTOM* OF *THIS!*

MY MANSION!

OH, DEAR.

WELL I'LL BE *JIGGERED* I DIDN'T EXPECT *THAT* TO HAPPEN I'D BETTER MAKE MYSELF SCARCE

DUH, I'M *SORRY*, MR CAVENDISH, SIR I *THOUGHT* HE WAS THE *CLEANING MAN!*

SEE? I *TOLD* YOU I WAS A *SPECIALIST!* HA-HA-HA!

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OOOMPH

END

DROOPY in WRESTLING RUCKUS

STEP RIGHT UP AND WRESTLE THE CHAMP! FIRST MAN TO PIN THE MASKED MARAUDER WINS A THOUSAND DOLLARS!

WE'LL TAKE HIM ON!

AW, YA MUGS.. I BEATS YOU GUYS EVERY DAY! I WANTS A NEW CHALLENGER.

EXCUSE ME, SIR.., I'D LIKE TO RASSLE YOU.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

LISTEN, RUNT. YOU TACKLE *THESE* TOUGHS FIRST. IF YOU **SURVIVE,** THEN WE'LL WRESTLE!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, JOE... YOU'RE THE CHAMP.

SHOULD I 'RASSLE 'EM ALL AT ONCE, OR ONE AT A TIME?

HA

HA

HA

HA

DOG PILE ON THE POODLE!

STOMP!

MASH!

ZOOSH!

ZOW!

UNFAIR RASSLIN' MAKES ME MAD!

OKAY, JUNIOR... YOU'VE *EARNED* YOUR SHOT! HERE I COME--

I'VE GOT JUST THE RIGHT MEDICINE FOR THIS SLICK CHARACTER!

...CHARGE!

MOLASSES

GLUG GLUG

SCREECH!

WHOA!!

AAAAAAHHHH

TWANG

I PUMMEL THIS PUNK ALL THROUGHOUT THE STORY, FOLKS.

KREESH

WHAT'TA *REVOLT*IN' DEVELOPMENT THIS IS!

THIS TRICK'S A REAL BLAST!
YEE-HAAA!!
THERE'S SHORTY, DEAD CENTER!
ACCORDIN' TO MY FIGGERIN', I SHOULD LAND DIRECTLY ON TOP OF THE LITTLE PIP-SQUEAK!
BOOM
KA-POW!
YOU MISSED ME, BUB.
DON'T LOOK NOW, MISTER MASKED MARAUDER...
...BUT YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE FLATTENED.
BONK!
YOU LOOKED.

I'M ABOUT TO GIVE THE FANS MORE **BANG** FOR THEIR BUCK!

T.N.T.

A TISKET, A TASKET, THIS'LL BE **BOMB**ASTIC!

T.N.T.

flick!

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ...ALWAYS GO OUT WITH A **BANG!**

T.N.T.

KA BOOM

LISTEN, BUB... I CAN'T CONCENTRATE WITH ALL THIS NOISE YOU'RE MAKING.

T.N.T.

I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVETA RESORT TO GOOD OL'-FASHIONED *HAND-TO-HAND* COMBAT!

AHA! I'VE GOT YOU NOW... WHA?!?!

AUGH... LET'S SEE HOW ≥UMPH!≤ YOU WR-WRESTLE ≥OOOF!≤ WITHOUT YOUR ≥UGH!≤ *ARMS!*

RAUGHHH... WHEN I FINISH WITH YOU...

...*YOU'LL* BE TWISTED INTO A PRETZEL... *GULP!* WHAT THE--?!

SILLY, ISN'T HE?

YOU KNOW WHAT?

MOTHER ALWAYS SAID TO *THROW OUT* OLD RUBBISH.

...THE *WINNER* AND *NEW CHAMPION--DROOPY DOG!* CONGRATULATIONS, SON--YOU WIN THE THOUSAND BUCKS!

HERE--*TAKE* MY MONEY!

MINE, TOO --JUST *DON'T* HURT ME!

O'BOY, O'BOY! ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE CARE TO TRY THEIR LUCK?

DITTO!

GANGWAY! DON'T *LEAVE* US WITH THAT *MANIAC!*

YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M THE CHAMP... AND *RICH*, TOO.

THE END

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